

US008470524B2

(12) United States Patent Gibbons et al.

(54) REDUCING OPTICAL INTERFERENCE IN A FLUIDIC DEVICE

(75) Inventors: Ian Gibbons, Portolla Valley, CA (US); Michael O'Connell, San Jose, CA (US)

(73) Assignee: Theranos, Inc., Palo Alto, CA (US)

(*) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this

patent is extended or adjusted under 35

U.S.C. 154(b) by 0 days.

This patent is subject to a terminal dis-

claimer.

(21) Appl. No.: 13/188,288

(22) Filed: Jul. 21, 2011

(65) **Prior Publication Data**

US 2012/0021433 A1 Jan. 26, 2012

Related U.S. Application Data

- (63) Continuation of application No. 11/549,558, filed on Oct. 13, 2006, now Pat. No. 8,012,744.
- (51) **Int. Cl.** (2006.01)

(52) U.S. Cl.

USPC **435/4**; 435/287.1; 435/288.5; 435/288.7; 436/518; 436/543; 427/2.11; 427/2.13

(58) Field of Classification Search

None

See application file for complete search history.

(56) References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

4,582,791 A 4/1986 Khanna et al. 5,441,894 A 8/1995 Coleman et al. 5,618,726 A 4/1997 Paszcynski et al.

(10) Patent No.: US 8,470,524 B2 (45) Date of Patent: *Jun. 25, 2013

5,744,320 5,958,339 6,352,862 6,989,128 8,008,034 42001/0031869 2002/0019059 2002/0090633 2002/0098097	A * B1 B2 B2 * B2 * A1 * A1 A1 *	9/1999 3/2002 1/2006 8/2011 9/2011 10/2001 2/2002 7/2002 7/2002	Sherf et al. Belly et al. Alajoki et al. Alijoki et al. Gibbons et al. Akhavan-Tafti et al. Becker et al. Singh
2002/0098097			Carvalho et al.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

(Continued)

WO	WO 2006/121510 A2	11/2006
WO	WO 2007/111651 A2	10/2007
WO	WO 2006/121510 A3	4/2009
WO	WO 2007/111651 A3	5/2009

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

European search report dated May 25, 2010 for Application No. 7868405.7

International search report date Sep. 9, 2008 for PCT Application No. US07/80917.

Sambrook, et al. Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual. 3rd Edition. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press. New York. 2001. (Cover pages and table of contents only).

Primary Examiner — N.C. Yang

(74) Attorney, Agent, or Firm — Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

(57) ABSTRACT

This invention is in the field of medical devices. Specifically, the present invention provides portable medical devices that allow real-time detection of analytes from a biological fluid. The methods and devices are particularly useful for providing point-of-care testing for a variety of medical applications. In particular, the medical device reduces interference with an optical signal which is indicative of the presence of an analyte in a bodily sample.

31 Claims, 6 Drawing Sheets

